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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SIMONDS ET AL.

Examiner

Thu Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/22/03 & 1/15/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McWalter et al (US 2003/0179233) (McWalter '233 hereinafter) in view of McWalter et al (US 2003/0182032) (McWalter '032 hereinafter).

As per claim 1, 5, McWalter '233 teaches a system for delivering context-based service to a vehicle, the system comprises: context advisors for providing a source of information (MP3 files, vehicle status information) (para 0043; para 0039; 0036; 0044-0045); an interface for interfacing with an onboard device (para 0038). McWalter '233 does not explicitly teach service agents for filtering information based on a request service, and collecting information to acquire and store pertinent information. However, McWalter '032 teaches service agents which performs filtering (select specific application such as the oil service carlet) based on a requested service (para 0036); further, acquiring and storing interested information would have been well known. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include filtering specific information taught by McWalter '032 for a specific purpose

such as presenting, acquiring and storing interested information in the system of McWalter '233 in order to facilitate presenting, acquiring and storing only interested information.

As per claim 2-3, McWalter '233 teaches vehicle context advisor (vehicle operating condition), and environment context advisor (seat positions, etc.) (para 0032); and McWalter '032 teaches a person context advisor (user's preference profile) (para 0037). Further, including off-board services advisors for supplying information from an off-board sources would have been well known.

As per claim 4, McWalter '032 teaches performing preemptive information collection pertaining to passenger information (para 0037; 0047).

As per claim 6-7, McWalter '032 teaches a travel agent, entertainment agent, and personal information management agent (para 0037; 0028), and interfacing with a portable device (para 0028).

As per claim 8-14, refer to claims 1-7 above.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black, can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7687.

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